

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Samuel B. Tafoya + Hans G. Broemel
Date Filed: November 3, 2003
Title: Marine Reaction Thruster

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.102(c)

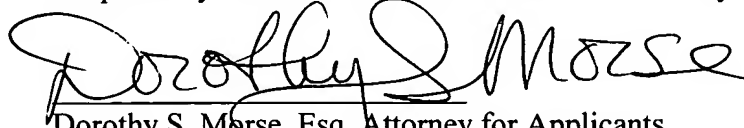
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Due to the fact that one of the applicants herein is over 65 years old, he petitions the Commissioner to accord 'special' status to the instant patent application entitled "Marine Reaction Thruster", so that it can be advanced out of turn for expedited examination. No fee accompanies this Petition, however, a copy of his birth certificate is attached hereto as evidence of age greater than 65 years.

For the above-stated reasons, the applicants herein respectfully request that the Commissioner give the instant patent application "special" status, so that it may receive expedited examination.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Samuel B. Tafoya by:



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The Detroit Department of Health

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a Registered Certificate of Birth as set forth below has been filed and is now carefully preserved in the Official Records in the Michigan Department of Health at Lansing and a transcript is on file in the Detroit Department of Health.

Name Samuel Barron Tafoya Sex M. Reg. No. 2963
Date of Birth Feb. 8, 1923 Place of Birth Detroit, Michigan
Name of Father Henry Tafoya
Maiden Name of Mother Elma Sanchez

Filed Feb. 15, 1923

B. H. Doyle, Jr.
COMMISSIONER

PRESERVE THIS CERTIFICATE - IT IS VALUABLE

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